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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAMI KATO ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/726,022) : Group Art Unit: 2673
Filed: November 30, 2000) :
For: CONTROL APPARATUS OF) :
VIRTUAL COMMON SPACE) :
USING COMMUNICATION LINE) February 9, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document can be found on page 15, lines 5-9 of the specification. In summary, this document introduces a face direction detection technique that pays attention to characteristic points such as eyes, mouth, etc., and a technique in which a plurality of face models are used. Further, this document introduces a technique in which a LSI realizes an image correlation operation in a small area of

about 8x8 pixels to 16x16 pixels. Real-time head position detection is performed based on the image correlation operation.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action has not been received in this application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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